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BIBLE CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS

This year, as in former years, Bryan students were greatly blessed by the ministry of the Bible Conference speakers. This Conference, occurring early in the school year, seems to set the spiritual tone for the entire year, and certainly it can be said that this was one of the best. Each speaker represented a different phase of Christian service yet all blended into a well-rounded and harmonious week of Bible study and personal testing and heart searching.

Rev. Elden Farrar, Pastor of the Kankakee Gospel Tabernacle, Kankakee, Illinois, led in the singing and also brought several messages concerning the Christian life.

Dr. E. L. Morgan was for years a missionary in China, and is the founder and director of the Chauga Heights Bible Center, Westminster, South Carolina, where he is now serving the Lord. He is the father of Dr. Carter Morgan, Professor of Bible at Bryan. Dr. Morgan was the main Conference speaker and his ministry was greatly appreciated and helpful.

Rev. Asaph Tobert, a missionary from Nigeria, Africa, presented the Missionary challenge to each of us.

Rev. A. E. Wachtel, president of the Kingswood School and director of the Tate Spring Camp Meeting, Bean Station, Tennessee, inspired us with his messages and personal testimony. Rev. Wachtel spoke at the closing campfire service, a fitting climax to a week of blessing.

Dr. Glenn Gates Cole, head of the Science Department at Bryan, presented the facts of Science and the Scriptures in messages directed toward building up and strengthening our faith in the Bible and God.

A time of fellowship in singing and testimony was enjoyed each night in the chapel after the downtown meetings. It is the opinion of all that God's blessing and guidance was upon our Conference and that it was pleasing to Him and beneficial to us.

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"Let us give thanks to God..."

Doing the Will of God

BY PRESIDENT JUDSON A. RUDD

"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 4:34.

It is blessed to be in and to do the will of God. Being created in Christ Jesus unto good works, supreme satisfaction comes in doing the thing that God has made us to do. For the Christian, it is extremely dissatisfying to hold back from the Lord's leading. Perhaps you, too, have learned this scriptural truth by experience.

As President of the William Jennings Bryan University, the writer has learned much of the meaning of working with and for God. God's preparation began long before, in a general way, but special preparation was given immediately before and during the first months of his responsibility for Bryan University. The Bible came to mean so much

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BUILDING PLANS REPORT

In the previous issue of NEWSETTE, we explained in considerable detail the plans that have been formulated looking toward completion of the Administration Building. Since that writing we have had a lengthy discussion with the architect. Commending as excellent the basic floor plan and room layout, he made a number of suggestions for modernization and simplification of the exterior design and finish. These changes, he thought, would not only result in a substantial saving over original estimates of cost on the more ornate original plan, but would take full advantage of the latest and best materials and methods of construction. We are to have from the architect in the near future, when he has completed his study of the revised exterior layout, sketches illustrating the changes he proposes. These we shall pass on to our friends in word and picture as soon as available.

More than for any other reason, we are desirous that the Administration Building should be completed so that it may serve its true purpose—that of being a *means* to the *end* that young people might be educated and might be instructed and built up in the "Faith once delivered."

We want the Building to be attractive and a source of right pride to those whose faithful stewardship has made it possible; but we welcome any way to more effectively let the dollars contribute to the actual usefulness of the building. For this reason, we were delighted with the hope held out to us, that without sacrifice of the functional features we might by exterior changes reduce the percentage of cost devoted to the sheerly ornamental.

We shall keep our NEWSETTE friends in touch with progress month by month. Join us in prayer that the Lord may make possible soon the surmounting of every obstacle of lack of materials, labor, or funds.

—God Above All—

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CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

Now that food and clothing, home and loved ones, a means of livelihood, and freedom to live and think under the liberty of law have been taken away from the greater portion of the world, we are reminded that these are providential blessings of our good and gracious God for which we should be profoundly grateful.

And so this Thanksgiving finds us drawn closer to that first Thanksgiving when Pilgrim fathers gave thanks for the simple things of life. They gave thanks not for ease and luxury and exemption from hardship, but because God's gracious providence had brought them safely through perilous times and made their hearts glad for harvest and homes which promised food and shelter for the coming winter.

As Christians, we are grateful most of all that God gave His Son to be our Saviour and for the great unchangeable and unshakable spiritual realities—the bulwarks of inner peace in a world of war, but at this Thanksgiving season we are grateful also for the commonplace things of everyday life.—The Doorstep Evangel.

WITHOLDING THE INHERITANCE

If your father left in his will an inheritance for you and your brother, and your brother, being at a distance, could only receive his inheritance if you sent it to him, would you feel free to decide whether to send it to him or not? And if you did send it to him, would you take considerable credit to yourself for doing so? That's foreign missions. People talk complacently about the poor heathen. Why poor? Because the heathen have not received their share of the inheritance which the Father left us to give them.—Sunday School Times.

"Let Prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening."

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THE CLASS OF '44

Perhaps you would like to know of the whereabouts and activities of Bryan's latest alumni, the class of '44.

Joe Sullivan, now studying for full-time ministry at Dallas Seminary, is engaged in several Christian efforts, including Child Evangelism work in and around Dallas.

Albert Wyllie is pastoring a church in St. Louis, Missouri, while training at Grace Theological Seminary.

Eugene Rosenau and Ernestine Healan Rosenau are busy at deputation work in preparation for an early departure to Africa, where they will join Eugene's father in missionary work.

Clyde Brogan is studying at Dallas Seminary, preparing for full-time service. Clyde is to be congratulated on his recent marriage to Miss Frances Reed of New London, Ohio, a former student at Bryan.

Samuel Hemberger, in addition to his studies at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia, is acting as Boys' Counsellor at the Presbyterian Orphanage there.

Robert St. John is aiding in the establishment of a Sunday School, a work involving much visitation and personal work. He is taking graduate work at Northern Baptist Seminary.

Virvil Sorge felt called to go into service for his country and has postponed further ministerial training to answer the need for Christian soldiers to witness to men in our armed forces. By testimony, daily living and personal contact, he hopes to lead many to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Calvin Miller is seeking to reach servicemen for Christ at an air base near Faith Seminary, where he is enrolled as a student.

Anita Graham is employed as a laboratory technician at a Naval Base in Jacksonville, Florida.

Jean Neff is serving in a secretarial capacity in Washington, D. C.

Pege Hege is secretary to an attorney in Akron, where she is residing with Rev. and Mrs. Edgerton Reid and giving some aid in their work with the Akron division of the Ohio Messianic Testimony.

Nellie Stover is serving as a teacher of Bible and other subjects in the grade schools in Wapato, Washington, awaiting the Lord's guidance and leading to the mission field.

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WHO'S WHO

Each year, several students of the Junior and Senior classes are chosen to have their biographies appear in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. Requisites for membership are character, scholarship, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and potentiality for future usefulness to business and society.

Those chosen for the 1944-45 edition of *Who's Who* are Alice Northrup, Anna Kettenring, Fred Brodt, Edward Miller, and Mary B. Rogers. Lillian Borgard, chosen last year, is automatically included.

NEWS OF SERVICE MEN

Our latest overseas report from Major D. W. Ryther, former Vice-President and Dean of Bryan University, is from Belgium. In the short time since being overseas, Major Ryther has gone from England to France, and thence to Belgium.

He writes, "The minute one crossed the border into Belgium one began to believe the postcard pictures again. The very people seemed to jump from the pictureland, with round rosy faces and friendly smiles.

"It is a joy over here to pray for each of you and to know that your prayers continue in my behalf. Surely He is a wonderful Saviour, and I find it more and more true each day as He shows His love for His children in even the smallest ways."

Here at Bryan we continue to remember each one of our servicemen in prayer. We know that their desire is to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ, "whether it be by life or by death." Recently our hearts were saddened by the death of one of our former students, Sgt. James T. Moon, who was killed while on duty at an Army air base in Florida.

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh to the Father but by me." Jno. 14:6.

graduation class of Bryan University is typical of all. Each member has taken up some worthwhile occupation or is training for full-time service for Christ. Our only regret is that the ministry of Bryan could not be larger and more widespread so that many more young people might have the opportunity of developing into useful and valuable citizens. Please join us in prayer to this end.

Bryan University.

"DOING THE WILL OF GOD"

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more to us. Also the life of prayer took on a new significance. God as a person became so near and real to us.

Thus, it is only natural for us to associate the William Jennings Bryan University with God and His will for us. The Bryan University is *His Work*, but it also is *Our Work*.

After serving as acting-president for a time, meanwhile trying unsuccessfully to secure someone satisfactory to the Trustees as President, we were faced with the possibility of continuing on as President of an institution, pitifully small in resources, but from which the Christian public expected a great deal. We travelled widely, for a few months, to meet representative contributing and praying friends, to discover that they were unusually godly Christians. We were fully persuaded that they were *His People* and that they were supporting *His Work*. This was several years before we actually became President and responsible for the work as *Our Work*.

His Work has been given to us more than one time. There have been times when we laboriously struggled on with an undue sense of responsibility for the work as *Our Work*. We have learned that these are times to give *His Work* back to Him. Thus far He has always given *His Work* back to us with the needed blessings to carry on effectively. Thus God has indicated *His Responsibility* for *His Work*.

In a time of special testing, more than ten years ago, we sat down with pencil and paper to list the definite reasons why God would want us to go on with this work, without regard to the cost. In that time of darkness there were many unmistakable signs of His blessing. Since then we have always found it most practical and realistic to fearlessly weigh the costs against the results. Thus God has acknowledged the ownership of *His Work* by giving the increase both materially and spiritually.

We would not leave the impression that we regard *Our Work* simply as "my work." It is "my work," but it is also "your work." Each of these, called of God to do so, should regard "this work" as "my work." Bryan University is a demonstration that God does *His Work* with the rich and the poor, and with those of

CLASS OFFICERS

The four classes have elected the following to serve as officers for the ensuing year:

Senior Class: President, John Quimby; vice-president, Alice Northrup; secretary-treasurer, Anna Kettenring; sponsors, Prof. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish.

Junior Class: President, Fred Brodt; vice-president, Edward Miller; secretary, Mildred Baldwin; treasurer, Eileen Goodman; class sponsors, Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Cole.

Sophomore Class: President, Bruce Rosenau; vice-president, Marjorie Miller; secretary, Ruthe Witzky; treasurer, Angie Garber; sponsor, Miss Dorothy Hess.

Freshman Class: President, Laurel Summers; vice-president, Dale Mead; secretary, Barbara Brooks; treasurer, Ray Turner; sponsor, Prof. Arne Ahonen.

various denominational backgrounds. He is working through *His Body*. The members of *His Body* have various functions. Each is blessed in doing *His Work*.

Because so many are in bondage to man, thinking that they are giving to the *Lord's Work*, we have refrained from bringing pressure upon our friends for what we believe to be *His Work*. Also, we have a burden for other causes, near to the heart of God, even though we are not so definitely responsible for them. As head of *His Body*, He is the one to give the orders. *You* are responsible to Him for the work He has given you to do.

You have a continual reminder of your responsibility to God for *His Work*. Precious young people are in your home, in your church, in your school, in your community, in your nation and in other countries of your world. **THEY ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** What are you doing to win them for Christ? What are you doing to lead them into a surrendered life of service to God? What are you doing to train these young people for a life of fruitful service? What are you doing to finish *His Work* for you?

Our Work is to prepare an increasing number of young people for doing the will of God. We offer you an unusual opportunity to have a larger part in doing *His Work*. Will you help us to do the will of God with your prayers, and with your gifts?

EVANGELICAL SCHOOLS CROWDED

One of the hitherto closely guarded secrets of these strange war days has now leaked out, and it becomes clear that the majority of evangelical schools—Bible institutes, colleges and seminaries—are overflowing with students. The trend, which began shortly after middle-class Christians began to profit from the high-wage boom, was not publicized at first because of two reasons, say those on the inside. First, because it might sound unpatriotic. Second, because any intimation of overcrowding might discourage some from seeking entrance.

Now, however, the first objection is completely answered in the fact that there is actually a shortage of pastors, evangelists and Christian workers to meet current needs. And, so far as the second is concerned, school officials are wondering if it might not have been better to state the facts from the beginning. At least, the announcement would have given advance notice of the possibility of rejected applications—the headache they are now facing.

The curious fact is that all this is taking place in face of the toughest experience that "modernistic" church-related colleges and universities have ever faced. As one evangelical school official reported, "They just can't believe us when we say our enrollment is increasing at the rate of 50 per cent per year. Theirs has decreased sometimes up to 70 per cent. . . . The war, of course, is the factor which has brought on the catastrophe. But, as another Christian school official points out, "When our normal ratio of men returns, our increase will be over 100 per cent."

All of which means that as soon as building restrictions are lifted, there will be a rush to expand building facilities. This appears to be true particularly in the South, West and Middle West.

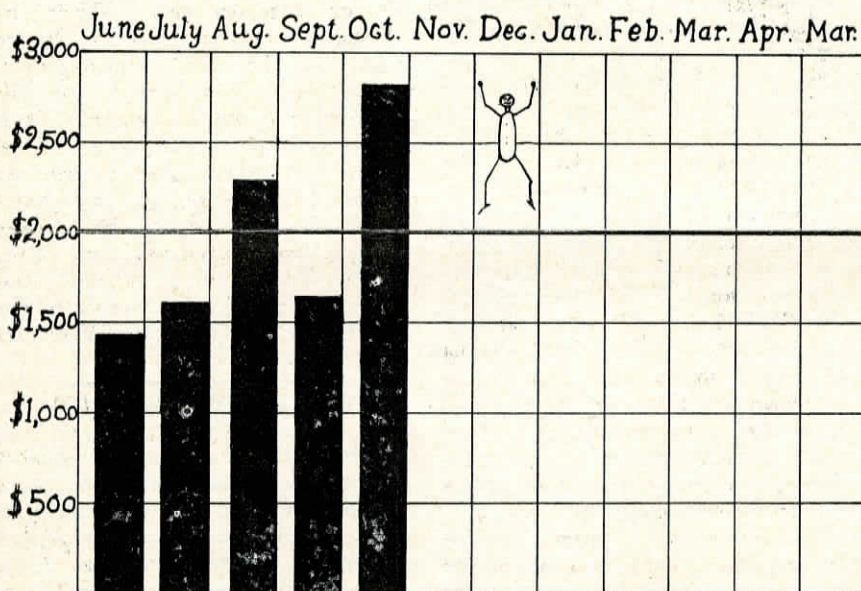
BIBLE CONFERENCE

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During the year, visiting speakers are invited to take charge of chapel services and the activity periods at night for the purpose of presenting the gospel. During the past week, Rev. Leo Polman, of Winona Lake, Indiana, ministered among us, bringing dispensational teachings and illustrated messages. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Elaine, who aided in the music.

October Gift Receipts

610	1.00	665	2.00	720	5.00	775	25.00
611	1.00	666	2.52	721	5.00	776	2.00
612	6.00	667	2.00	722	25.00	777	300.00
613	5.00	668	10.00	723	.10	778	1.82
614	40.00	669	29.08	724	10.00	779	5.00
615	5.00	670	1.00	725	2.00	780	1.00
616	5.00	671	15.00	726	25.00	781	2.00
617	2.00	672	10.83	727	10.00	782	8.33
618	25.00	673	100.00	728	1.00	783	5.00
619	20.00	674	5.00	729	1.00	784	25.00
620	5.00	675	2.00	730	5.00	785	5.00
621	4.00	676	35.12	731	1.00	786	5.00
622	1.00	677	1.00	732	5.00	787	1.00
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624	1.00	679	1.00	734	5.00	789	4.00
625	2.00	680	1.00	735	2.00	790	40.00
626	2.00	681	3.00	736	2.00	791	4.00
627	1.00	682	10.00	737	4.00	792	1.00
628	2.00	683	10.00	738	10.00	793	12.00
629	2.00	684	5.00	739	15.00	794	37.33
630	10.00	685	15.00	740	5.00	795	1.00
631	5.00	686	5.00	741	5.00	796	1.00
632	1.00	687	10.00	742	10.00	797	100.00
633	2.00	688	100.00	743	1.00	798	5.00
634	2.00	689	2.00	744	10.00	799	6.00
635	10.00	690	2.00	745	5.00	800	10.00
636	100.00	691	1.00	746	5.00	801	1.00
637	3.00	692	2.00	747	1.00	802	10.00
638	10.00	693	1.00	748	1.00	803	10.00
639	14.16	694	10.00	749	2.00	804	25.00
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642	300.00	697	25.00	752	25.00	807	1.00
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644	1.00	699	7.00	754	5.00	809	25.00
645	25.00	700	25.00	755	10.00	810	1.00
646	10.00	701	5.00	756	25.00	811	5.00
647	10.00	702	25.00	757	5.00	812	5.00
648	5.00	703	100.00	758	2.00	813	1.00
649	15.00	704	25.00	759	5.00	814	5.00
650	4.95	705	3.00	760	2.00	815	10.00
651	7.46	706	100.00	761	100.00	816	5.00
652	10.00	707	2.00	762	2.00	817	10.00
653	2.00	708	2.00	763	3.75	818	2.00
654	25.00	709	2.00	764	10.00	819	5.00
655	9.59	710	1.00	765	25.00	820	1.00
656	5.00	711	1.00	766	1.00	821	1.00
657	1.00	712	1.00	767	1.00	822	7.62
658	5.00	713	5.00	768	5.00	823	10.00
659	2.00	714	10.00	769	1.00	824	2.00
660	1.00	715	50.00	770	10.00	825	10.00
661	1.00	716	20.00	771	1.00		
662	5.00	717	10.00	772	1.00		
663	1.00	718	1.00	773	15.00		
664	2.00	719	5.00	774	5.00		
					Total	2,819.32	



Total receipts to date.....\$9,793.30

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON SERVICE SUSPENDED

The Sunday School Lessons as prepared originally by Dr. Charles H. Currens and more recently by Dr. Harris H. Gregg have been a great blessing to many of the friends of Bryan University. More than 2,000 copies have been mailed each month for several years. Since the death of Dr. Gregg in December of 1943, it has not been possible for us to make any permanent arrangements for the writing of the Sunday School Lessons. Present members of the staff, with increased wartime responsibilities, do not have the time for this ministry. It is with regret that we inform our friends of the suspension of this service.

BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Gifts designated for the Building Fund are being acknowledged by a special receipt form. They will not be listed or included with the monthly NEWSETTE report of Operating Income gifts, but at frequent intervals a report of total receipts for Building Fund will be given. Gifts intended for the Building Fund should be so marked. When no other indication is given, gifts are placed in the General or Operating Fund, and the regular receipts and acknowledgement sent to the donor.

MRS. JEAN T. RYTHER

Loving sympathy is extended by all the friends of Bryan University to the family of Mrs. Jean T. Ryther, mother of Major D. W. Ryther, former dean at Bryan, who passed away on November, eighteenth at the home of her daughter in Maxwell Field, Ala. The funeral services were held in Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Ryther had visited on the campus several times and was loved by all for her sweet Christ-like spirit of love and helpfulness.

Sam's Summary

Dear Friends:

Such a month as October makes me really jubilant. How we do thank those faithful friends who remember the day-by-day needs of the University. The more black we can put on our chart, the better I like it, don't you?

Cordially,

Sam

Bryan University